

SA 1906. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3357, to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and replace:

SECTION 1. FUNDING OF THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND.

Subsection (f) of section 9503 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to determination of trust fund balances after September 30, 1998) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (2), and
 (2) by adding at the end the following new “(2) INCREASE IN FUND BALANCE.—Out of money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is hereby appropriated (without fiscal year limitation) to the Highway Trust Fund \$7,000,000,000.”.

SEC. 2. ADVANCES TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND AND OTHER FUNDS.

The item relating to “Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and Other Funds” in title I of division F of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8; 123 Stat. 754) is amended by striking “to remain available through September 30, 2010” and all that follows (before the heading for the following item) and inserting “such sums as may be necessary”.

SEC. 3. FHA MORTGAGE INSURANCE COMMITMENT AUTHORITY.

The item relating to “Federal Housing Administration—Mutual Mortgage Insurance Program Account” in title II of division I of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8; 123 Stat. 966) is amended by striking “\$315,000,000,000” and inserting “\$400,000,000,000”.

SEC. 4. GNMA MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES GUARANTEE COMMITMENT AUTHORITY.

The item relating to “Government National Mortgage Association—Guarantees of Mortgage-Backed Securities Loan Guarantee Program Account” in title II of division I of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8; 123 Stat. 967) is amended by striking “\$300,000,000,000” and inserting “\$400,000,000,000”.

SEC. 5. USE OF STIMULUS FUNDS TO OFFSET APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

The unobligated balance of each amount appropriated or made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) is rescinded pro rata such that the aggregate amount of such rescissions equals the aggregate amount appropriated under the amendments made by this Act. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall report to each congressional committee the amounts so rescinded within the jurisdiction of such committee.

SA 1907. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3357, to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike sections 401, 402, 403, and 404, and insert the following:

SEC. 401. TEMPORARY PROTECTION OF HIGHWAY TRUST FUND SOLVENCY.

Notwithstanding section 5 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. Law 111-5), from the amounts appropriated or made available and remaining unobligated under such Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall transfer to

the Highway Trust Fund such sums as the Secretary of Transportation determines in the aggregate will be necessary to ensure that the Highway Trust Fund balance does not fall below the threshold that would require a change from daily payments to weekly or biweekly payments of expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund through March 31, 2011. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall report to each congressional committee the amounts so transferred within the jurisdiction of such committee. The amounts so transferred shall remain available without fiscal year limitation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 29, 2009 at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Protecting Shareholders and Enhancing Public Confidence by Improving Corporate Governance.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to

meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 3 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Nominations.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 29, 2009. The Committee will meet in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building beginning at 9:15 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DODD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Rachael Holt, an intern in my office, be granted the privileges of the floor during today’s session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a member of my staff, Ramona McGee, and four of our law clerks, Amanda Hinson, Belisa Lay, Marisa Maleck, and John Heath, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my intern, Patrick Chaney, be accorded the privilege of the floor for the duration of today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.